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### BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE

May 19, 2010

Committee present: Gary Street, Ann Baughman, Mac Richardson, Virginia Chenevere, John Roberts, Kim Kihnke, Connie Vorenkamp.

Also attending: Jim Conboy, Barbara Nelson-Jameson, Harold Koviak, James Larson, C B Strachan, Reena King, Betty Parkey, Greg Babcock, Joyce Hutto, recording secretary.

#### Minutes

Moved by Ann Baughman and seconded by Connie Vorenkamp to accept the minutes of April 21, 2010.

#### Public Comment

James Larson asked when the official designation of the trail location will be finished. Gary Street answered that it cannot be designated at this time until the topography has been further studied and the easement issues have been addressed. The committee is working on all the many, many factors that need to be considered.

It was asked about snow removal on the trail when it crossed a driveway. Gary Street explained it will not be a problem and the land owner can plow their driveway as they have done in the past.

#### New Trail Committee Members

John Roberts was introduced as a new committee member. Jay Jontz and Bob Babcock will also join the committee.

#### Fund Raising

Ann Baughman reported that private fund raising events are in place. Letters have been sent out to people who have expressed an interest in the trail. Meetings will be set up to see where their interests lie, to answer questions and to see if they are interested in giving a donation to help with the trail. The goal is to raise \$150,000 in private funds to support the trail and this will show community support.

Ideas of other trails have been looked into as how they recognize individuals who have given money to support the construction. One idea is to have bricks with supporters names engraved on each one and placed near the trail.

Bob Babcock has offered Hoppes as a place for a general fund raiser after Labor Day.

Virginia Chenevere suggested booths with brochures be set up at the Michigander Bicycle tour in Indian River, July 17& 18, and the Indian River Summer fest in July.

A trail committee member could present a program about the trail to Kiwanis and other service clubs.

Gary Street said fund raisers are needed on the east side of Burt Lake. A fund raising party is being planned on the west side to inform about the trail and there will be pledge cards available to give out at the event.

Private foundations such as Meijer's and Wall Mart should be considered as contributors.

Bike shops could donate bikes for a raffle.

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Placards displayed in local stores to show the store supports the trail.

### Brochure

Connie Vorenkamp presented the new trail brochure. The intent of the brochure is to get information out about the trail. It will be made available at the Burt Township East and West side transfer stations as well as Hoppies. Hoppies will have a map of the proposed trail displayed. 2,000 trail brochures have been printed.

### Easement Letters

Connie Vorenkamp has put together a packet for the trail committee members to use when asking landowners for easements.

An introduction letter will be sent out, including the trail brochure, to each land owner who will be asked for an easement. A phone call will be followed by the introduction letter to set a date to meet with that land owner.

Two committee members will visit the land owner. They will have information and answers to questions the land owner may have. A second letter will be sent to thank the land owner if they gave the easement.

### Presentations

Ann Baughman and Gary Street gave a presentation to the TOMTC with an update of the progress of the trail.

Gary and Ann will give a presentation to the U of M Biological Station in June.

### Informational Meetings

Two informal informational meetings for questions, comments and pledges are set up. One on Saturday, May 29 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Burt Township Hall. The second is tentatively set on June 26, 2010.

John Roberts has submitted articles to the Straisland Resorter, the Petoskey News Review and Cheboygan Tribune.

### Pledge Form

Pledge forms have been prepared to hand out. Pledges will be voided if the trail does not happen. Pledges are valid for the money needed for the DNR and MDOT grants. Pledges will be made through TOMTC, a 501c3 organization, for tax purposes. A one year membership to the TOMTC will be given to those pledging. A contribution is encouraged to be given to TOMTC along with the pledge to the Burt Lake Trail. Pledges will not be used until the construction of the trail has begun. The pledge form is on the website.

### Route Considerations

It is being considered to widen the shoulders on each side of the road on East Burt Lake Road rather than using limestone. There is a safety issue on a steep hill using limestone.

### Future Meeting Dates

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The Trail Committee will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.  
Next meeting is June 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Moved by Mac Richardson and seconded by Virginia Chenevere to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Joyce Hutto, Recording Secretary